



R e w a r d

Baverstock

FIFTY GUINEAS REWARD

WHEREAS a number of idle and disorderly Persons did, on the 26th day of January, 1812, assemble together in the night time, armed with guns and other offensive weapons, in the Woods of ALEXANDER POWELL, Esq. in the parishes of Barford St. Martin and Baverstock, in the county of Wilts, for the destruction of Game :- And whereas Four of the said Persons, who fired several times near the Keeper's House in the said Woods, were seen and followed by four Keepers who were there to a field adjoining, where they stopped and ATTACKED THE KEEPERS, in the first instance by throwing Stones at them, and afterwards their guns, &c. but being nearly secured, several other armed persons, supposed to have been concealed near the spot, came to their assistance, and, after a severe battle, effected their rescue, and the whole party got off, leaving the Keepers dreadfully wounded and unable to pursue them. – A REWARD of FIFTY GUINEAS is hereby offered by the said Alexander Powell, Esq. to any Person or Persons who will discover the Offenders, so that one or more of them may be convicted of the offence; and any person or persons concerned in the said outrage, who will discover his or their Accomplices, so that they may be convicted as aforesaid, will be entitled to the like Reward, and every endeavor used to obtain his or their free pardon.

The Reward will be paid to any person or persons entitled to receive the same, immediately on conviction of the Offender or Offenders, by Mr Nicholson, solicitor, Barford, near Salisbury; and to whom persons willing to give information on the subject are requested to apply.

N. B. It is supposed that two at least of the persons concerned were much bruised, and most probably bear evident marks of the injury they received.- The Butt and Stock of a Screw Gun, which was broken by a blow aimed at the head of one of the Keepers, was left behind them, and may be seen, by applying at Hurdcott House, at any time between the hours of eleven and three in the day-time; it may be easily identified, and any person who will prove whose property it is shall receive a handsome Reward, independent of the Reward offered on conviction of the offenders.

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